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Los Angeles County Commission for Women and Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

Welcome you to

A Domestic Violence Breakfast Briefing

Friday, May 3, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 7th Floor, Room 739 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

nomestic Violence Information

Faced with a looming deficit of \$55 million to \$85 million, Los Angeles County court system officials announced Wednesday that all courtrooms in 10 community courthouses will be closed, including two branches in San Pedro and another on Catalina Island. The courthouses affected include the San Pedro Branches on Seventh Street and on Beacon Street, as well branches in Avalon, Beverly Hills, Huntington Park, Pomona, Whittier, Malibu and the David Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center in Los Angeles. The closures will follow the June 30 closures of 56 courtrooms county wide and layoffs of 350 workers to close a \$30 million deficit this fiscal 2013 year. Those closures affected courtrooms in Torrance, Del Aire, Long Beach and Inglewood, and more across the county. Twenty-four of the courtrooms handled criminal cases, prompting judges to complain the system would slow to a crawl. The closures take in an array of court activity ranging from criminal and civil cases, probate, small claims, juvenile justice and landlord-tenant disputes.

According to a National Census of Domestic Violence Services, in just one day, over 7,700 requests for services went unmet due to a lack of resources. When the resources do not exist for victims, they are often left with no choice but to risk their own lives by returning to their abusers. Domestic violence programs have saved the state millions of dollars in health care, law enforcement, and other social costs.

Who is impacted by Domestic Violence? According to security expert Gavin de Becker http://www.oprah.com/oprahshow/Teris-Survival-Story, MOSAIC Threat Assessment Systems; a woman dies every four hours in the United States at the hands of her boyfriend or spouse. www.mosaicmethod.com

> Domestic Violence 24-Hour HOTLINE: 1-800-978-3600

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Norma Gallegos Los Angeles County Commission for Women

Introductions

Olivia Rodriguez **Executive Director** Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

Open Discussions

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Domestic Violence Shelters - Sharon Wie, Co-Chair Shelter Director Committee "Status of the Shelters"

Service Provider Directors

- » Exchange information
- » Legislation State Budget 2012-13
- » Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA)
- » Court Closures the affects on Domestic Violence Constituents

Closing Remarks Norma Gallegos

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